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SUBJECT: LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: (A) AMBASSADOR FARKAS/VINE TELECON; (B) LUX 0137

1. FOREIGN MINISTER THORN HAS JUST CONFIRMED TO ME THE MESSAGE RELAYED TO HIM FROM THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE LUXEMBOURG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND ALONG THE LINES OF REF (A). THORN ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN PROMISED MORE DEFINITE WORD ON APRIL 8 BILATERAL BY "TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK" (MARCH 19 OR 20). THE APRIL 8 DATE IS MOST CONVENIENT FOR HIM SINCE HE IS ATTENDING OPENING OF SPECIAL UNGA IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 9. HOWEVER, THORN WOULD ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY TO ANOTHER DATE IF NECESSARY.

2. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: I TRUST THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW AWARE OF NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT I AM CLEARLY AND QUICKLY INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE IN PLANS OR DECISIONS REGARDING THORN'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. I EXPECT THEREFORE THAT I WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH THORN HAS BEEN LED TO BELIEVE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MARCH 19 OR 20 CONCERNING BILATERAL MEETING. FARKAS

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